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BETHEL, MAINE, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1916.

\$1.50 IN ADVANCE.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

WEST BETHEL UNION CHURCH.
The Ladies' Chapel Aid Society will hold a supper and sale at Grange Hall, December 14th. The ladies will meet for work on Wednesday at Mrs. Dana Morrill's.

The Christian Endeavor meeting last Sunday morning was led by Miss Doris Ordway.

Although the weather was rather unfavorable the Sunday School social of last Friday evening was enjoyed by quite a number. Delicious pop corn cakes were served by the committee. Another entertainment will be held at the church, December 1st, followed by a social. Admission, 10 cents.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The subject of the sermon next Sunday will be, "Mind Your Business." Lawrence Kimball will lead the Christian Endeavor service in the evening at 7:30.

At the Christmas sale at the Congregational chapel, Dec. 7, Mrs. Guy Thurston will serve tea.

At the Sunday School next Sunday morning some of the members of the Cradle Roll will be promoted to the Beginners Department of the Sunday School, and receive their certificate of membership. There will be exercises by the Primary and Intermediate Departments and a hearty welcome extended to them. The parents are cordially invited to be present.

The Union Thanksgiving Service will be held at the Congregational church, Thanksgiving eve, Wednesday, Nov. 23, at 7:30.

METHODIST CHURCH.

On Friday evening of this week Rev. U. G. Humphrey of Indiana will give an address at the Methodist Church on a topic of vital interest to the church and its ministry. He is the man you will want to hear.

Next Sunday the pulpit will be supplied by Rev. H. L. Nichols, the popular pastor of the Methodist church at Norway, who will preach at both morning and evening services.

Rev. T. C. Chapman will be at Lewiston, Thursday and Friday of this week in attendance at the ministerial and Sunday School Institute which meets at Park Street Church.

The program by the Venetian Trio at the Grange Hall last Wednesday evening was a great success from an artistic view point though the attendance was small. The next of the popular series of entertainments will be on Saturday, Dec. 9, when Katherine Kennedy will read "Daddy Long Legs."

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

Last Sunday was observed as Temperance Sunday. In the morning, Rev. J. H. Little preached an eloquent sermon on temperance with a strong appeal for manhood and an impressive statement of the harmful effects of intemperance. In the evening the Y. P. C. U. and Sunday School joined in a temperance service. The attendance was large with many young people included. A special temperance service was included in the program. Opening with the Battle Hymn of the Republic in which so many young and older voices joined that the whole auditorium was filled with ringing song, there followed responsive reading appropriate to the occasion. Then there were special musical features one of the best of which was the vocal solo by Miss Bernice Keniston. Several special selections were given. The inspiring State Song of the Y. P. C. U. was sung by the whole audience standing, with much spirit and enthusiasm. One of the best features was the representation by members of the Sunday School and Union of the Prohibition States.

The nineteen Prohibition States which were represented. Each state was called, Maine heading the list, and the representative of each took a place on the platform until nineteen stood there with uplifted banners bearing the name of the State. Then came some of the smaller members bearing banners on which were the names of the four states which voted for State-wide prohibition in the last election. With all on the platform the audience rose and with such enthusiasm sang two stanzas of "America." This impressive illustration of the progress of prohibition was further emphasized with a few remarks by the leader relative to the advance of the cause within the past few years. Fact that now nearly 21 out of the States were committed to prohibition and that several others were near it and would soon join the ranks. There was a most enthusiastic and effective service.

BETHEL INN

Happenings of the Week

Mr. N. C. McLeod of Cleveland was a guest at the Inn for a short stay.

Mr. W. W. Hastings of Bethel was a dinner guest at the Inn on Sunday.

Mr. W. J. Upson returned from Portland, Friday night, and Saturday was out for a brisk horseback ride.

Mrs. G. H. Gillingham and Miss E. P. Wright of Philadelphia are at the Inn for an indefinite stay. They are friends of Miss Mary Johnson, who has been a guest since September.

Among the guests at the Inn the past week were: Miss Dorothy Worrell, Boston, Mass.; W. H. Norton, Portland, Me.; J. F. Carl, Binghamton, N. Y.; O. A. Andrews, Winchendon, Mass.; F. B. Newhall, Lynn, Mass.

Dr. R. D. Small and Mr. Eliza Thomas stopped at the Inn, Friday night on their way to Fryeburg for a few days camping. They motored from Portland and said the roads were very good most of the way in spite of the deep snow.

Mr. L. H. Dilley, manager of the Inn, left for New York, Monday night to attend the New York State Hotelmen's Show at the Grand Central Palace. After attending to matters of business he will return the latter part of the week.

Mrs. H. Spaulding Schley has returned to Bethel from New York. She was warmly welcomed by her two sons who have been here since October, in the care of Miss Julia McGrath. The boys have thoroughly enjoyed the skating and snowshoeing the past week.

Mr. H. A. Woodside, the "Sunshine" representative, is a guest of Bethel Inn. He has just returned from a hunting trip with a fine four point buck, weighing about 175 pounds, which he shot just above West Bethel. It is rumored that Mr. Woodside is the best amateur shot in Portland, having taken several prizes.

The many friends of Mr. B. H. Spencer, who has spent much time in Bethel, were pleased to see him back. Mr. Spencer had charge of the Golf Ticks at Maplewood Golf Links the past summer and since the close of the season has been spending some time visiting friends in Massachusetts and Connecticut. He expects to leave for the South soon, where he intends to spend the winter.

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ROBERT L. DEMPSTER IN RECITAL

Assisted by Several Portland People in Mr. Upson's Music Room, Nov. 30

The first movement for community drama in the New England States, which is to be launched in Bethel, Thanksgiving evening under the entire management of Robert L. Dempster, is of especial interest to Portland, aside from its dramatic interests, as several Portland people are to accompany Mr. Dempster and will assist him there. The recital, which marks the inauguration of the movement, will be given in W. J. Upson's beautiful music room. Mr. Upson's interests in civic matters in the community generally having led him to take up this work.

The Portland people who will accompany Mr. Dempster to Bethel are Miss Jeannette Emerson, who will do several dances; Miss Hayes, the pianist, who will accompany Mr. Dempster for his recitals; Everett Davis, who is so well known here for his splendid work in amateur productions, and Ralph Wilson, another well known amateur, particularly interested in the community drama. The first two plays to be presented are Rosalind, and the Will, and Mr. Dempster will leave Portland for his work in Bethel immediately after the close of the Shakespearean Royal, although he will make his headquarters in Portland. For the recital on Thanksgiving night Mr. Dempster will give several unusual groups which have been set to music, among them the Happy Prince, by Wilde, with musical setting by Liza Shelton; the Fugitive (poem by Shelley); Heather Boy, Fair Hedwig, The Raven, with Max Heinrich's setting, and several other lighter poems. Miss Emerson will dance Kreisler's Liebes, Tffend, and will dance also with Mr. Dempster, and several other especially interesting dances.—Express-Advertiser.

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GOULD'S ACADEMY

Mrs. Curtis and Miss Hamlin visited classes last Wednesday morning.

Several new members have joined the Undergraduate Association.

Declamations are being given during the morning exercises this week.

The first basketball game of the season will be played next Friday at Bridge-ton.

Mr. H. W. Aldrich of Boston and Miss Eva Aldrich of Franconia, N. H., were dinner guests at Holden Hall, Sunday.

Gerald Cole was accidentally shot in the right arm while deer hunting, Saturday. This necessitates his absence from school.

The Y. W. C. A. girls are beginning early this year to raise the Makonkey fund. A food sale was held Monday afternoon at Holden Hall, and the proceeds will go towards this fund.

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GRANGE NEWS

FRANKLIN GRANGE.

Franklin Grange held its regular meeting Saturday afternoon, Nov. 18. After the business meeting one of the most interesting programs of the year was given. It was as follows:

Music, Grange Choir. Paper on "Maine," written by Claude Cushman.

Duet, Corn Perham, Annie Davis. "California"—Paper by Mrs. Barrett. Mr. G. W. Q. Perham gave a talk on his trip to the Normal School of Maine.

PARIS GRANGE.

Paris Grange met Nov. 18 at 10:30 A. M. Pleasant Pond and Hebron Granges had been invited to meet and take dinner with them. Both Granges responded with a small delegation. The Lecturer of Maine State Grange was present and gave a very instructive address. The following program was carried out:

Selection by the "Kitchen Orchestra" of Paris Grange, under the direction of Sister Kate Hammond; encore Remarks, Bro. Farrar of Pleasant Pond Grange, also by Bros. Arthur, George and Keene of Hebron Grange. Two Tableaux by members of Paris Grange.

Reading, encore, Clara Ryerson. Song, "Lullaby," Sister Hammond. Address, Worthy State Lecturer Selection, Kitchen Orchestra.

Next meeting the annual for reports of committees and election of officers at 10:30 A. M.

BEAR RIVER GRANGE.

Bear River Grange met in their hall, Saturday evening, Nov. 11, at 8:30 P. M. Worthy Master filled vacant chairs as follows: Gate Keeper, Ezra Chapman; Flora, Carrie French. Voted to have a dance and oyster supper, Nov. 20. P. O. Brink, C. E. Saunders and M. A. Holt were appointed on the dance committee. Florence Kilgore, Addie Saunders and Ella Brink were appointed on the supper committee. The usual order of business was then taken up, after which the first and second degrees were worked. A recess was declared, and the following program taken up: Song and encore, Mr. W. D. Kilgore; the grange paper was then read by Addie Saunders; reading by the Lecturer. There were twenty-six members and two visitors present, Byron Cushman of Bethel Grange and Nelson Lapham of Paris Grange. The editor for the next grange paper is Una Roberts.

But as a standard of giving, the churches are setting up an amount for each church equal to the pastor's salary for one year, made payable in five installments if desired. Encouraging results have already been achieved, and in spite of difficulties, the leaders are confident of abundant success.

One million dollars is a pretty large sum for one church to raise for a single cause, but in this case it is a great church which has undertaken the task and it is a case of supreme importance in which it is enlisted.

The Methodist Episcopal Church has 2,750 retired preachers, about 3,075 widows of preachers who receive pensions, and to these men and women the church last year paid over \$1,250,000. This is a decided advance over the \$800,000 which was available for this purpose eight years ago, but it still falls far short of being sufficient to meet the full claim of those who have been worn out in the interest of the church. A total income of \$1,500,000 is needed. Almost every church raises a certain sum each year for the support of claimants, but these sums are utterly inadequate, and the relief which the Methodist Church, in common with all other churches, is seeking is the provision of a large income through permanent invested funds.

The campaign is on now in some seventy conferences of the church, the Maine Conference undertaking to raise the total of its invested funds to \$200,000 as its fair share of the enterprise.

At a meeting in Lewiston last Wednesday the campaign was outlined in addresses by Dr. Joseph B. Hingeeley, Secretary of the Church Board of Conference Claimants in Chicago, and Rev. J. T. H. Smith, the editor of the "Veteran Preacher." These men, with Dr. U. G. Humphrey of Indiana and Rev. E. H. Keeney of Oklahoma, will be in the state during the month directing and aiding in the campaign. But the main dependence is on the ministers and laymen within the bounds of the Maine Conference itself. The district superintendents have arranged for every pastor to present the matter of pensions for preachers in his own pulpit on one Sunday, then on the next to emphasize the same need in another church through a scheme of exchange, and on the third Sunday enlist the services of the laymen who are interested in securing a fair deal for the old preacher. By this intensive plan of campaign, the cause is to be brought home to the heart of the church, not by making out the old preacher an object of pity but by insisting on simple justice for those who have given themselves for the upbuilding of the communities they have served.

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WANT COLUMN.

Put your Want and Sale notices here and they will be read in 3,000 Oxford County homes—4 lines, 1 week, 25c. 3 weeks 50c.

NOTICE.

I wish to announce to the people of Bethel and vicinity that I am prepared to do all kinds of plumbing and repair work at a reasonable price, also sheet metal work. All work carefully and promptly attended to.

ALBERT BURKE,
Bethel, Maine.
Telephones—Shop, 19-12; Res., 29-7.

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AUTO AND TEAM CONVEYANCE
C. C. BRYANT,
2 Mechanic Street, Bethel, Maine.
Telephone Connection.

DR. AUSTIN TENNEY, Oculist.
Practice limited to diseases of the Eye and the fitting of Glasses. Office at house of Clarence Hall, Bethel. Last Saturday of every month. All work guaranteed.

SHOE REPAIRING.
Neatly and Promptly Done.
Laces, Polishes, Whiting, Etc.
A. B. BUXTON,
Maine Street, Bethel, Maine.
Opposite N. F. Brown's.

WANTED.
Eight early hatched Brown Leghorn Pullets.
W. A. BRAGG,
Bethel, Maine.

FOR SALE.
Pair black horses weighing 1130 each, one 12, the other 14 years old, the horses I worked on my peddler cart for 3 years. Also my peddler cart and sled, both in good running order.
W. A. BRAGG,
Bethel, Maine.

FOR SALE.
A few Barred Rock Cockerels at \$1.50 each. Pullets of the same hatch were laying at the age of 5 months.
F. B. MERRILL,

Thanksgiving Linens!

It is none too early to look over your stock and prepare for that big dinner. For you want your table to look its best.

OUR LINENS were all bought more than a year ago. In many cases we are selling them less than we could buy the same quality for today.

SPECIAL VALUES in Damask, all pure linen at 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50.

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NORTH NEWRY.

Mr. J. H. Wight of Bethel was in the place, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. I. French have gone to Errol, N. H., for the winter.

Mrs. R. W. Kilgore and her brother, Roland, have gone to Massachusetts, visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wight attended the poverty ball at Bethel, Thursday night.

Quite a number attended the circle supper at W. B. Wight's, Saturday night, over three dollars being realized.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bennett called on Mrs. Bennett's brother, Harry Hanson, Sunday, who has been sick for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Kilgore were guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wight, Sunday.

P. Perley Flint has gone to Massachusetts.

BRYANT'S POND.

J. S. Smith, Jr., and J. R. Jenkins, who have been staying at the Hall cottage since April, returned Monday to Patterson, N. J.

The Ladies' Social Union will give their first entertainment for the winter at the Universalist church on Friday evening, Nov. 24, at 8 o'clock. The program will consist of music and readings.

Ridley Ferguson, who has been living for several months in the house on the Paris road formerly owned by Mrs. Abbie Russell, has moved with his family to Massachusetts.

Winfield Noyes and Arthur Dow are spending the week at the Grafton camp.

A party of tea from this village attended the celebration at South Paris and Norway, Friday evening.

Mrs. Frank Bartlett whose house was recently burned in Washington was for several years a resident of our village.

LOCKE'S MILLS.

Scott Howe of Denver, Colo., is visiting his sister, Mrs. W. B. Rand, and other relatives.

Mrs. E. P. Farrington is a guest of her aunt, Mrs. Mae Grant, at Somerville, Mass.

F. H. Morton has been enjoying his vacation in Boston.

Mrs. Clara Howe of Hanover has come to stay with her daughter, Mrs. W. B. Rand, this winter. A nurse came with her.

Mrs. James Ring of Bryant's Pond is keeping house for her father, E. P. Farrington, while her mother is away.

Mrs. Ralph Young of Bethel called on Mrs. M. J. Bartlett, Sunday.

Rev. T. C. Chapman of Bethel preached at the Union church, Sunday.

NEWRY.

The school here is under the instruction of Miss Lillian Benn of Sunday River.

Mrs. C. D. Bean is caring for Mrs. H. R. Powers and baby.

Fred Taylor has finished work for J. J. Brown and is now at work at the Bond place.

Mr. and Mrs. F. I. French have closed their home and gone to Errol, N. H., for the winter.

Walter N. Powers got a fine deer last Saturday.

MIDDLE INTERVALE ROAD.

Ara Burgess spent a couple of days with his mother last week.

Mrs. E. A. Capen is with her daughter, Mrs. Ned Carter, for the winter.

Edgar Coombs and wife and two children spent Sunday at his father's.

Ned Carter, with his team and horses, has gone into the woods for the winter.

Ark Burgess went to Lewiston, Saturday, to enjoy a two weeks' vacation, after working at Bethel Inn all summer.

Will Capen is visiting at Middle Intervale and E. A. Trask's.

Mr. Roscoe Andrews is building a garage on the lot that he recently purchased of Mr. E. S. Kilborn.

Mrs. Ogden Mills of New York arrived last week to join her family who are spending the winter in Bethel.

Miss Aldrich of Franconia, N. H., and Mr. Aldrich of Boston were Sunday guests of Prof. and Mrs. F. E. Hanson.

This last snow was made use of by several of our hunters and a number of deer have been brought in as the result.

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Mrs. Sarah J. Perley of Exeter, N. H., sister of Mrs. J. H. Little, is with Mrs. Burbank at Mr. Little's for the present.

Mrs. L. M. Valentine, who was the guest of her son, Mr. Charles Valentine a few days last week, returned to Cambridge, Mass., Saturday.

Rev. Mr. Little was called to attend the funeral of Robert Cushing, Tuesday, at the home of his son, Douglas Cushing, at Mason. Mr. Cushing died Nov. 19 at the age of 84 years.

Prof. W. B. Wight, who is now holding singing classes at Boothbay Harbor, East Boothbay and Bristol, will hold his closing concert next week. In his class at East Boothbay Prof. Wight has three rather remarkable pupils in Mr. H. J. Seavey, a veteran vocal music teacher 82 years old who still sings a good tenor, Mrs. R. J. Seavey, 73 years old, a successful piano teacher for many years and who has yet a fine contralto voice, and Mrs. Samuel Reed the accompanist for the class. Mrs. Reed for many years has taken the leading roles in operas in Boston and other cities.

Prof. Wight will go to Rockland and Co. Thomsen from here for five weeks work. After the holidays he has been engaged to go to Chicago to drill and conduct a chorus of 75 singers in the first church of the Nazarenes. Rev. M. E. Borders is the pastor and has been

BETHEL and Vicinity

Mr. A. Van Den Kerkhofen was in Lewiston on business, Monday.

Sunday afternoon last Mr. Little attended the funeral of Mrs. Stowell.

Mrs. T. B. Burke was the guest of Mrs. Thomas Poole at Oxford, Sunday.

Miss Mary B. Merrill went to Portland last Thursday to spend a few days.

Mr. Fritz Goldard has moved his family in the Foster house on Vernon street.

Mrs. Harlan Bartlett and daughter, Bertha, from Hanover were in town, Friday.

Leslie Coburn and Gordon Allen spent several days the past week in Newry, hunting.

Mrs. Cleveland West of Errol, N. H., is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Lizzie Thurston.

Mrs. L. D. Brown went to Stratford, N. H., Tuesday, to spend a few days with relatives.

Mrs. Ralph Young was the week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Freeborn Benn at East Bethel.

Mrs. Charles L. Davis is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Robert Wornell and family in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hatmon from Scarborough spent several days with relatives the past week.

Mr. Gerry Morgan has returned to the Bennett rent on Paradise Road recently vacated by him.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. A. F. Copeland, Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

Mrs. Augusta Pratt of Auburn was a week end guest of her brother, Mr. E. P. Lyon and family.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wight of North Newry were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Young, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Byram are soon to move into Mrs. E. L. Arno's new rest on Mechanic street.

Judge A. E. Harlick, E. C. Park, Esq., and J. H. Hastings, Esq., attended Probate Court at Paris, Tuesday.

Mrs. B. P. Eckett returned to her home the last of the week after visiting in Portland, Boston and other places for several weeks.

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NORWAY,

MAINE

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church will meet with Mrs. Alanson Taylor, Thursday afternoon.

Mr. F. L. Harlow was a business visitor in town the first of the week in the interest of the Northwestern Mutual Life Ins. Co.

Mr. Carl Goldard is enjoying a vacation from his duties in W. E. Bosserman's and is visiting his brother in Plymouth, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Upton have returned home from Portland, where they attended the fiftieth anniversary of Maj. and Mrs. John Gould.

Mr. H. A. Skillings of Harvard, Mass., accompanied the remains of Miss Amy Benn to Bethel last week, and was the guest of relatives in town.

The annual installation of Bethel Lodge, No. 97, E. & A. M., will be held Thursday evening, Nov. 23. All Masons and their families are cordially invited.

Mrs. O. M. Mason left Monday for Massachusetts, where she will spend a few weeks with her daughter, Alice, before leaving for Florida to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Kilborn closed their cottage at Songo Pond, Monday, and have gone to Portland where they will spend the winter at Congress Square Hotel.

The remains of Amy B. P. Benn were brought to Bethel, Saturday morning from Harvard, Mass., for burial. Miss Benn was the daughter of the late Amasa and Sarah Twitcheell Benn and was born in Bethel, Oct. 29, 1835. After a short service in the Congregational church, the interment was at Riverside cemetery.

The remains of Edna, wife of Martin Stowell of Portland, formerly of Bethel, were brought to Bethel Sunday morning. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Little and interment was at the Steam Mill cemetery. Mrs. Stowell's early life was spent in Mason. Beside the husband who is survived by one daughter and one son, and a number of grandchildren.

COTTAGE STUDIO NOTES

WATCH THIS COLUMN.

Norway, Nov. 1

Of course you want some portrait work for Christmas—Why not save money by having it done now. All photo-matists cost us more, making an advance in prices necessary the first of December.

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In making plans for Christmas, have you thought that your friends can buy anything that you can give them—except your photograph.

You do not have to trust a valued picture to an agent when you want a crayon or water color portrait.

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We make fine enlargements from cost negatives about \$1.00 in size that cost you less than a dollar.

The regular meeting of the Bethel Men's Club will be held at Bethel Inn, Wednesday evening, Nov. 22.

That Thanksgiving Dinner

We are in a position to supply your wants for this day of feasting.

Fruits, Vegetables, Groceries, Meats

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Our Folks are making read For glad Thanksgiving There's bins of grain and f There's stacks of straw. There's fuel for the burni To make the hearth-fire When winter brings its blin Of ice and drifting snow.

WHAT HOLIDAY ME Webster tells us a holiday or sacred day. "A festive day of exemption from that is very plain and con less we raise the question, Festival? Agah! we go to and find "Festival" A day ing. "An anniversary da civil or religious." There we have it, don't little boy's definition was off after all, when he said, " is a day when school don't we are so glad we holla." That expresses a child's does not take much to mak happy, you know. The main to let them enjoy things in way, and be happy with them. I believe the reason our ch joy the Fourth of July and to say nothing of Thanksgiving cause on those days we are together. Did you ever thi that way?

This is the month in whic a day set apart for nation giving, though a cheerful thankful every day. It is a g however, for the people to be periodically of the fact that as we have much to be thankful whether we celebrate the da or with enough turkey and st invite indigestion, let us mark resolve to be better farmers a citizens than ever before. No is too humble or obscure to wholesome influence, day by we do nothing more than g neighbor with a cheerful kin kind word we shall shed a ben over an entire community. therefore give thanks not on one day of the year but every our lives.

When Thanksgiving any ce hope that all our folks will assistance to be thankful for. If you are better than you year ago, and your home is hap your turkey with thanksgiv praise, even though the bank has not increased quite as you for the mortgage diminished had hoped. When signing year's receipts, do not fail to your blessings. Here are a them: Pure air, good water, a strusted view of the sky and a wholesome and unadulterated plenty of elbow-room and no call master. These blessings are worth thousands of dollars in any mo Our own Thanksgiving day we more bright and cheerful if ca of our folks would send us n one new subscription, so that c elation would be "doubled, at should thus be able to do twice a

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grandchildren.

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The Home Circle

Pleasant Reveries—A Column
Dedicated to Tired Mothers
as they join the Home
Circle at Evening Tide

Our folks are making ready
For glad Thanksgiving day.
There's bins of grain and fruitage,
There's stacks of straw and hay;
There's fuel for the burning
To make the hearth-fire glow
When winter brings its burden
Of ice and drifting snow.

WHAT HOLIDAY MEANS.

Webster tells us a holiday is "a holy
or sacred day"—"A festival."

"A day of exemption from labor"

—that is very plain and conclusive un-

less we raise the question, What is a

Festival? Again we go to Webster,
and find "Festival. A day of feast-

ing." "An anniversary day of joy,
civil or religious."

There we have it, don't we? The

little boy's definition was not so far

off after all, when he said, "A holiday
is a day when school don't keep, and

we are so glad we holla."

That expresses a child's idea. It

does not take much to make a child

happy, you know. The main thing is

to let them enjoy things in their own

way, and be happy with them.

I believe the reason our children en-

joy the Fourth of July and Christmas

is because on those days we are all young

together. Did you ever think of it
that way?

This is the month in which there is

a day set apart for national thank-

sgiving, though a cheerful heart is

thankful every day. It is a good thing,

however, for the people to be reminded

periodically of the fact that as a nation

we have much to be thankful for, and

whether we celebrate the day simply

or with enough turkey and stuffing to

invite indigestion, let us mark it by a

resolve to be better farmers and better

citizens than ever before. None of us

is too humble or obscure to exert a

wholesome influence, day by day. If

we do nothing more than greet our

neighbor with a cheerful face and a

kind word we shall send a benediction

over an entire community. Let us

therefore give thanks not only upon

one day of the year but every day of

our lives.

When Thanksgiving any comes we

hope that all our folks will have an

abundance to be thankful for.

If you are better than you were a

year ago, and your home is happier, eat

your turkey with thanksgiving and

praise, even though the bank balance

has not increased quite as you desired,

for the mortgage diminished as you

had hoped. When figuring up the

year's receipts, do not fail to count

your blessings. Here are a few of

them: Pure air, good water, an unob-

structed view of the sky and horizon,

wholesome and unadulterated food,

plenty of elbow-room and no man to

call master.

These blessings are worth several

thousands of dollars in any market.

Our own Thanksgiving day would be

more bright and cheerful if each one

of our folks would send us at least

one new subscription, so that our cir-

culation would be doubled, and we

should thus be able to do twice as much.

"I DON'T SUFFER ANY MORE"

"Feel Like a New Person,"
says Mrs. Hamilton.

New Castle, Ind.—"From the time

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teen I suffered each

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such pains I would

cramp double every

month. I did not

know what it was

to be easy a minute.

My health was all

run down and the

doctors did not do

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DIXFIELD.

The remains of Levi Lamb, whose
death occurred at the home of his son,
Leland Lamb, at Farmington, were
brought here for burial, Thursday. The
funeral service was held at the home
of Scott Lamb at West Peru, Friday,
and the interment was at Greenwood
cemetery. Mr. Lamb had been a resi-
dent of Dixfield for many years, and
well known throughout the town. He
leaves a daughter, Mrs. Vester Master-
man, of this town, and a son, Leland
Lamb, with whom he had resided the
past year.

Erlend Torrey of South Paris was in
town a few days this week on a hunt-
ing trip and calling on relatives.

Mrs. Francis Pratt is at Rumford,
nursing at the home of Lyman Lovejoy.

Wilfred Kidder is a guest this week
of his brother, Fred Kidder and family.
Miss Ann Holden of Portland is a
guest at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. S.
Sturtevant.

Mrs. Emma B. Howe of Rumford,
District Deputy Grand Matron, Order
of the Eastern Star, visited Monitor
Chapter, Thursday evening in her of-
ficial capacity. Mrs. Howe was a guest
of Dr. and Mrs. Sturtevant while in
town.

The Young Peoples' Endeavor Socie-
ty met at the chapel, Sunday evening
for their usual weekly meeting. John
Johnson acted as leader of the meet-
ing, topic "Christianity the Hope of
Our Country." Dr. W. M. Pease gave
an interesting talk on "View points on
religion by the medical fraternity,"

which was greatly appreciated by all.
Scripture reading and quotations from
noted men on the subject, given by var-
ious members made the meeting, of
much interest to the large number in
attendance. A very able and helpful
discourse was given by the pastor Rev.

R. E. Gilkey at the forenoon service.
The Sunday school was well attended.
Committees were appointed to make
plans for a Christmas entertainment.

Mrs. Lillian Babb is caring for Mrs.
Lizzie Turner of the town. Mrs. Turn-
er has been in feeble health for some
time, and is not gaining as her many
friends wish she might.

Nathaniel B. Davenport of Phillips
was a guest Friday at the home of his
brother, W. H. Davenport.

Mrs. Phyllis Houston, who has been
stopping at the home of Willis Walter
and wife the past few weeks, is in
Lewiston visiting friends.

Mrs. Delphina Root and sister, Mrs.
Emily Knight, will leave town, Tues-
day for Boston, where they will remain
for an extended visit at the home of
Mrs. Root's son, Albert Root and fam-
ily.

James G. Fogg of South Hartford
was a week end guest at the home of
his daughter, Mrs. Olive Paine. Mr.
Fogg, who has been visiting her daugh-
ter the past two weeks, was taken ill
Saturday night and is confined to her
bed at this writing, although more com-
fortable.

Mrs. G. C. Frost is on the sick list;
her little daughter, who has been seri-
ously ill, is slowly improving.

Miss Edith Marsh of Farmington,
who accompanied the remains of her
mother, Mrs. Lydia Marsh, here for
burial, remained in town for a few
days, a guest at the home of her aunt,
Mrs. Clara Howe.

Say you saw it in the Citizen.

good in the world as we do now.

Shall we shake hands on this?

Thanksgiving is, or should be, the
day when families are re-united. The
married sons and daughters come home
with their children, and all seem young
once more.

Stories are told of long ago pranks
—even grandpa tells of "when I was
a boy;" while grandmother's stories
are usually about the time "when
your Papa or Mamma were little."

Mothers remember more about their
children than about themselves and
their own doings, you know. Thanks-
giving is the real American holiday of
which, no doubt Noah Webster was
thinking when he gave his definition of
"a day of feasting."

Thanksgiving is the one day when
in most homes, cooking is a delight
and not a burden.

Show me the woman who, unless
she is sick, does not enjoy getting up
a Thanksgiving dinner—or the man
who does not enjoy eating it. It is
certain that if such an idea they can-
not be of old New England ancestry.

As I write I am wondering if any of
you were, like myself, born and
brought up in New England? If so,
you cannot help but remember how, for
days before, the preparations for the
feast were going on. What a scene
of enchantment seemed the great par-
try with its rows of pies: mince, apple,
white and brown. The huge cakes, and
the ham—the chickens—and best of
all the big turkey himself, who had for
weeks been fed to his fullest capacity
that he might be fit to crown the festal
board.

What delicious colors—in you
not smell them now? Can you ever for-
get how good those old New England
Thanksgiving dinners looked and taste-

ed—Exchange.

CANTON.

The inspection of John A. Hodge Re-
lief Corps of Canton was held Tuesday
and several candidates were initiated.
An appetizing dinner was served, the
members of John A. Hodge Post be-
ing invited.

J. L. Gammon and Roosevelt Delano
have been to Abbott's Mills on a hunt-
ing trip.

Mrs. Nathaniel Thomas of North
Hartford slipped on some ice on a step
in her home last week and dislocated
her left shoulder and injured her head.

A. G. Rich has purchased the Mon-
day farm at the Point.

Miss L. B. Treadwell, who has accept-
ed a pastorate at the Free Baptist
church, is to reside at the residence of
Miss Abbie C. Bicknell.

Miss Eva Briggs is caring for Mrs.
Arthur Hall of North Buckfield, who is
at Lewiston.

Mrs. Rosie Bicknell has been at home
from Dryden for a few days.

O. D. Hodge and Wesley Tirrell have
been up country on a hunting trip.

The degree will be conferred on sev-
eral candidates at the next meeting of
Pompana Rebekah Lodge. A rehearsal
of the degree staff was held Monday
evening.

Frank Romano and family have
moved to Connecticut.

Alphonso F. Russell and J. Clyde
Bicknell have been to North Rumford,
deer hunting.

Mrs. J. L. Gammon has been ill with
tonsillitis.

The annual inspection of Evergreen
Chapter, No. 24, O. E. S., will be held
Tuesday evening, Dec. 12, with Mrs.
Emma Howe of Rumford inspecting of-
ficer.

M. J. Howes of Mechanic Falls has
been a visitor at his former home in
Canton.

Miss Persia Butter of Massachusetts
who is stopping at the home of S. T.
Hayden, is quite ill with an attack of
asthma.

Miss Ella M. Haven of Portland was
a recent guest of Miss L. B. Treadwell
at the home of John Briggs.

Several ladies met at the home of
Mrs. S. B. Ellis, Wednesday, and or-
ganized a Reading Club. The next
meeting will be with Mrs. E. W. Morse.
C. O. Holt and Mr. and Mrs. C. F.
Packard and children were recent
guests of Miss A. C. Bicknell.

Thanksgiving Day will be observed
at Canton Grange next Saturday, with
a good program.

Wallace Hines shot a deer on Canton
Mountain, recently, and three more
have also been secured in that vicinity.

Mrs. Merrow has returned to her
home at Livermore Falls.

A good delegation from Canton Re-
lief Corps accepted an invitation to
meet with Wilson Corps of North Turn-
er, Thursday. Those who were present
were: Mrs. Alma H. Towle, Mrs. Eu-
dice S. Oldham, Mrs. Evie B. York,

Mrs. Evie Burke, Mrs. Maud Richard-
son, Mrs. Flora Hodge, Mrs. Marcella
Child, Mrs. Flora Hodge and Miss Mar-
tion Tyler.

Mourne Peabody of Dixfield, and
formerly of Canton, was given an
abundant post card shower on his 79th
birthday, Nov. 11, by his many friends
in Canton, Dixfield and Auburn. He
was also the recipient of several nice
gifts, among them being a substantial
sum of money from the Dixfield and
Peru Bridge Co., by whom he is em-
ployed as toll collector. Mr. Peabody
was surprised and grateful for these
good wishes and remembrances from
friends far and near. Mr. Peabody was
born on the Richard Peabody farm in
Canton and the greater part of his life
has been spent in this town. He is the
son of Samuel Peabody and Susannah
Reynolds Peabody. He was one of Can-
ton's merchants for about thirty years,
and was postmaster under Cleveland's
first administration. He was town clerk
and treasurer for fifteen years and sec-
retary of the Canton Driving Associa-
tion for five years. He was instrumen-
tal in procuring a charter for the or-
ganization of the Androscoggin Valley
Agricultural Society, in which he has
always felt a deep interest. For thirty-
three years he has been an honored mem-
ber of Androscoggin Lodge, No. 32,
I. O. O. F. On Nov. 27, 1873, he mar-
ried Miss Lillia P. Lucas of Canton and
they have one son, George M. Peabody,
of Brockton, Mass. For the past seven
years he has been in the employ of the
Dixfield and Peru Bridge Company.

Albert H. Adams has returned from
his annual hunting trip.

A. F. Russell, Jr., and J. C. Bick-
nell returned Sunday from a hunt-
ing trip at Andover with a fine deer.

Miss Agnes Heald and Miss Norma
Heald have been visiting in Buckfield.
Rev. Frank Snell has been a guest
at the home of C. B. Heald and family.
Little Robert Russell has been quite
ill.

Miss Jennie M. Barrows has return-
ed to her work at the Carey Hill Hos-
pital, Brookline, Mass., after spending
her vacation at her home in town.

Miss Mary I. Richardson, who is
teaching school at Wells, will spend
Thanksgiving with her many aunts Mary
N. Richardson, and cousin, Miss Ruth
Richardson, of Boston.

SOUTH PARIS.

Austin Stearns and Miss Ida Mabel
Lowell surprised their friends by being
quietly married on Wednesday evening
at 8 o'clock by Rev. Chester Gore Mil-
ler at the Universalist parsonage. The
bride was very prettily gowned in white
silk crepe de chine, with shadow lace
trimming and the double ring service
was used. Mrs. Stearns is the daughter
of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lowell of this
place, is a graduate of South Paris High
school in the class of 1915, and is a
member of Mt. Pleasant Rebekah
Lodge. She formerly lived with her
parents at Bolster's Mills, but the fam-
ily have been residents of South Paris
about five years. Mr. Stearns is the
son of Mr. and Mrs. Austin P. Stearns
of Paris Hill. He is a member of Mt.
Mien Lodge of Odd Fellows and of Par-
is Grange, where he has filled the office
of lecturer for the past year. The young
couple will live on a farm, which they
have recently bought, about two miles
from Paris Hill. They have the best
wishes of a host of friends.

About half a dozen couples received
invitations on Thursday which read as
follows: "You are invited to go on a
blind run on Thursday evening, leav-
ing Howard's Drug Store at 7:45 o'-
clock. Be sure and be there." At the
appointed time everyone included in
the invitation was on hand, and Irving
Barrows received a letter, appointing
him Captain of the company. Their
route led them through the principal
streets at the guidance of a string and
finally came to an end at the home of
Mr. and Mrs. Alton Jacobs, where Har-
old Neal royally entertained the party.

Four tables at rook were made up and
the guests, after partaking of very
dainty refreshments specially cooked,
and served by the host himself, de-
parted at a late hour. Those in the party
were: Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Haskell,
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Greene, Mr. and
Mrs. H. E. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Sher-
man Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Bar-
rows, Morton Bolster, Miss Ruth Bol-
ster, Merion Clifford, Miss Bertha
Wight, Miss Nora Dunham, Miss Pearl
Bouquet.

Irving Barrows, who has for several
years been employed at the bank of
the Paris Trust Company, has resigned
his position and will be associated with
his father, Oscar Barrows, in the lum-
ber business. His place in the banks is
to be taken by Harold Briggs.

Mrs. Rishah Whitman, Mrs. Walter
Jones and S. L. Davis will start on
Monday for California.

Mrs. Lawrence and son of Portland
are guests of Walter Bonney.

Mrs. Amy Patten of Monmouth is the
guest of her mother, Mrs. Woodbury, at
the home of Sheriff Titus.

Mrs. Clarence Hillon and Miss Alice
Penley of West Paris were the guests
of their sister, Mrs. Ernest Herrick, on
Wednesday.

J. A. Kenney, postmaster, will again
be a candidate for the post office, un-
der the present administration.

Shaw's orchestra will go to Harri-
son, Friday evening to play at a ball.

Mr. and Mrs. John Briggs of Harli-
ner have been guests of Mr. and Mrs.
S. C. Ordway for a few days.

Mrs. Helen Briggs, who has been
stenographer in the law office of James
S. Wright for several years, has closed
her engagement, and will devote her
time to her home.

L. S. Sessions has closed a five weeks
engagement working for Henry Fleich-
er, and expects to leave on Friday for
New Hampshire.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Twitchell and
young son will leave the last of this
week for Florida, where they will spend
the winter.

Almon Goodwin of Fairfield has been
a recent guest of his daughter and hus-
band, Mr. and Mrs. Merlin C. Joy.

I. B. Wheeler is spending several
weeks with his son, Harry M. Wheeler
and family of Wakefield, Mass.

WEST GREENWOOD.

Mrs. Fishers and children were Sun-
day guests in town.

Mary Lydon, who has been working
for her brother Martin, went away
Saturday to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones spent Sunday
with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Leighton of
Albany.

M. H. Harrington spent the week end
at home.

W. C. Cross and Will Scams were
fortunate enough to get two nice deer
last week.

Alfred Leighton was in town, recent-
ly.

Chas. Farr visited her daughter, Mrs.
W. C. Cross, last week.

Ornel and Willie Haskins were home
for over Sunday.

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DEATH VALLEY, HOTTEST AMERICA.

Great Sand Hole is Most Lifeless and Forbidding Spot in the World. Over 200 Below Sea Level. Thermometer Goes up to 134 at Midday and Down to 44 at Midnight. A Veritable Death Trap.

(By Al. J. Brown.)

A place where a snake or a lizard cannot live is a poor locality.

A locality where there is absolutely not a living or stirring thing isn't just the place one would naturally pick out for a summer vacation spot.

A rattlesnake and a desert lizard can stand more heat and seemingly enjoy it than any created thing, and there is hardly a section of land on the great American desert where they do not exist. Next to them for heat endurance is the tarantula.

And the sections where even these reptiles and spiders pass up is Death Valley—hottest America.

They tell me there isn't a snake or a lizard to be found in Death Valley—and I will believe anything anybody says about this sand hole, for I have been there.

I was setting outside of a hotel in Gila Bend, Arizona, one night, almost stifled with the evening still heat when I remarked to a bystander that I would start for Death Valley the next day to find a place to cool off.

The man was an old-time miner and prospector. He looked me over to see if I was in earnest, and when I assured him I was he tried to dissuade me.

"Death Valley is no place for a white man any time of year, much less in mid-summer. A fellow that gets ruddy under the heat of this town had better keep away from that locality, for hell is bubbling up there now."

He told me he had prospected the valley time and again, that he knew what he was talking about, and he advised me to stay away. He said he could tell me more about the dreaded spot in an hour than I could learn or see in a month, and if it was "news-paper yarns" I wanted, I might as well save my money and my sweat.

I was never very successful in writing of something I had never seen. The war didn't break and I had to hunt story material. So I listened to the old man's stories, mostly about the old days, and the next morning took the train east.

There is a railroad that runs north through this man-made country and along the edge of Death Valley. I can't imagine why this road. I could not see a thing to support it and I was too hot and uncomfortable to ask for information. I heard a fellow remark that the devil gave the company a big bonus as it made it an easier road to this corner of hell.

I didn't spend many weeks in Death Valley. I didn't buy a lot of bull or anything of the sort. I didn't go out into the grim exister, got lost, have a narrow escape from death or do any of the several things a newspaper man should do to make the story tight.

In fact I saw this famous valley in about the same way as Moses saw the Promised Land—I saw the most I saw from the high walls of the southern boundary. I just figured it out. I would fry down and become a part of the desert if I ventured out on the wastes in the awful heat—and I didn't go.

But Death Valley is a name for a particular spot of the desert. Anywhere around it is death staring a man in the face if he gets away from water for an hour or two. I could have been let off anywhere within twenty miles of the real spot and thought I was there, if it were not for those letters on the map.

Death Valley is the hottest place on earth. This is a warm statement, but it is literal and official. It is from the U. S. weather bureau.

On July 10, last year, the mercury stood 134 in the shade. Where they found the shade for it to stand in is not stated. I am sure it stood there when I did the Moses stunt but as I was out

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only Constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

of both thermometers and shade I could not establish it as a fact.

Of the 134 temperature of last year the government weather service says:

"This is the hottest shade temperature ever recorded in the open air, with standard instruments and according to approved methods of exposure, in any part of the world."

I have heard men on the border tell of the mercury going to 130, and men in the Imperial Valley state that they had seen it go to 135. The Portland Oregonian had a story in July that the thermometer went to 147 in Calexico, but believe me it didn't do anything of the kind. Newspaper men put their imaginations in place of the thermometer. It was 120 when I was in Calexico, and residents told me they never saw it hotter. People could not live for any length of time under such heat.

Now to make these statements and position (in Death Valley) good, I will drag in a little more dry and hot statistics. The same authority above quoted states that meteorological archives contain but few records where heat ever approached the record of 134. It states that in August, 1884, a trained observer on the edge of the Sahara Desert, noted a temperature of 127 degrees. Many years ago a traveler in New South Wales reported a reading of 131 degrees, and in Asia, near the Euphrates, 132 has been recorded.

So, when the guardians come back from Calexico, Yuma, Nogales, Douglas and other border points, and commence on the 135 hot stuff, refer them to this article.

Death Valley is a vast arid sand hole, more than 200 feet below sea level. It is a literal death trap, and the bones of hundreds of men and women have been strewn its sand-burned wastes.

Many have the impression this valley is a small sink hole, a spot where the earth's surface has sunk in for a few acres. But let me tell you it is as big as it is hot. It is 150 miles long. At its northern end it is about 30 miles across, and it gradually tapers to about three miles at its southern end.

It was at this point I did my prospecting, and it was wide enough. The valley is flanked on both sides by apparently sheer walls of rock that rise thousands of feet, and there are but few places where one can find a path out of this heat pit.

Once, so gueswork has it, this was an inland sea, but I never could figure how the water got out—unless it boiled out.

There is no spot on earth more deadly. It is a forbidden land and the toll of human life has been great for the venturesome men who would not heed the sign—"Abandon all hope ye who enter here."

There is no spot in Africa that compares with it in heat, drought and danger. It is a great waste of alkali dust, and when the sun's rays once get this trying pan thoroughly heated a human being has small chances against it, especially in the summer time.

Not even a lizard insect across this awful oven. Not an insect or reptile lives there. The land is absolutely lifeless. One will die quicker of thirst here than in any other place on earth—and when he dies there are no wolves to pick his bones. Years later the body can be found, and the dried air on earth has preserved it into a perfect mummy.

I had a canter over either shoulder and about every five minutes I would take a drink. The water was simply hot and it did not quench thirst. And a peculiar thing I noticed was after a short walk in the fierce heat, perspiration almost ceased. I was burning up, but it was not like the heat of Imperial Valley—it was a dry feverish heat.

I looked out across this dead land and thought of "Death Valley Scenery." And notwithstanding that before me was the most forbidding spot on this big earth, there was a desire to go on, to wait for night and a full moon and go far out into this land of thirst, for surely there were wonderful gold deposits there waiting to be found.

And I want to state what I know to be true, that there is a wonderfully strange fascination, a sort of gravity or magnet on any desert that seems to draw one on. You know the dangers, you realize them, yet you just have a yearning to lead a pack horse and take a chance out on that waste. Hundreds have felt this strange fascination and have been lured to their deaths in Death Valley, and hundreds more will die there. I talked burro, chuck water and a guide, hence am still with the living.

The valley is rich in gold and silver. Countless extinct volcanoes have pushed the metals up for men to take a chance on and the whole sink is full of fabled strikes—where the prospector struck wonderful riches, lived to get back to the living land, and returned to find a sand tornado had changed every inch of the locality and lost for him his find.

In mid-winter the heat is intense, but in summer, it is inconceivable. It is the blistering, dry, fever heat. One could no more touch a buggy tire or piece of metal than he could a hot stove griddle.

And yet there is the greatest range of temperature recorded in this hell-hole. From midday to midnight there is often a change of 80 degrees, and this sudden change, these awful hot days and cold nights soon get to the strongest systems and pneumonia and bowel trouble claim many victims.

The old prospector at Gila Bend—I think he must have been a Christian Scientist—told me the dreaded name of this valley had been the cause of many unnecessary deaths. He told me that many years ago his prospecting partner and he became separated in the valley, his partner became lost and when the body was found two days later the canteen had a pint of water in it.

He said this was in the winter, when the heat could not have overcome him. He said this man had went through many far greater hardships and privations in the Mojave Desert without weakening, and he declared the man was frightened to death—that the terrible tales of death and delirium he knew so well, and the awful realization that he was lost in Death Valley without a burro and with very little water or food, that his condition frightened him into madness and death.

He said the man had dug a big hole in the sand, presumably hunting for water in his delirium, and that he had chanced the end of his leather belt to a quail, while in his canteen was water and in his roll two biscuits.

And so much for the influence of a name. So much for fear. It drove a hardy desert man to insanity and death.

In the early days of California gold fever the volcanic pockets of Death Valley were filled with mummies. The gold hunters would try a short cut route from Utah across southern Nevada to California. This route would take them through Death Valley, and a far greater number died than came across.

Every year the valley takes its death toll. The desert is like a maze. Everything looks alike. One can become lost and helpless in a very short time unless he is a thorough desert man. The prospectors hunt over these sand wastes for the gold deposits that are undoubtedly there. Every man expects to stumble over another Bull Frog strike every day. He hangs on until his food is almost exhausted and then starts back, in just the right shape for the desert to close in on him and make of him a mummy.

PHONOGRAPH RECORDS ARE PLAYED AUTOMATICALLY.

Application for patent rights has been made by an eastern inventor who has designed a phonograph that is capable of playing several disk records in succession without requiring the attention of an operator. The machine also will select special records and render them, or reproduce a single one as many times as desired. Another feature of the apparatus is that records of different sizes with starting and ending grooves of various diameters, can be employed. Small regulating knobs permit an operator to omit, repeat, or stop the rendition of any particular selection. Furthermore, it is possible to set the machine to stop automatically after playing any record. The instrument is described in the December Popular Mechanics Magazine.

FINE WEATHER SIGNS.

If you want fine weather, look for fine weather signs. Here are some of the most reliable, for they are based upon scientific facts:

A gray early morning, not a heavy cloudy one, promises a fair day.

If there are no clouds at the western horizon, you need not worry about others.

When the sun sets in a sea of glory, that is, when the sunset sky is red, you may expect clear weather on the following day.

A heavy dew at night is seldom followed by a rain the next day, think of it this way and you will remember: wet feet, dry head.

At night, when the moon is clear and shows clean edges with no halo or ring of mist surrounding it, there is little danger of rain.

When the wind blows steadily from the west the weather will continue fair; if very rarely rains in our eastern states with the wind in the west.

Watch your smoke from your chimney or from your campfire if it is a good barometer. If the smoke rises high it means clear weather. The smoke will also show you from which direction the

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The Maine Forestry District has to date received from the United States Forestry Service for the year 1916 a total of \$9676, of which \$5026 was for the 22 lookout stations maintained in Maine, with the co-operation of the Federal government and \$760 toward the slash disposal work of the present year.

Eight million Pacific humpback salmon eggs arrived in Bangor, Thursday, from Seattle for hatching at the United States Hatcheries at Green Lake and East Orland. They will be distributed in the rivers and bays in a few months. The government has been bringing these hardy and toothsome fish from the Pacific to the Atlantic for several years and the experiment seems to be meeting with success.

The year 1917 will have seven eclipses, four of the sun and three of the moon. Maine will be shut out of the privilege of seeing any of the former, but will, with fair weather, have the unusual opportunity of witnessing two total eclipses of the moon, one on Jan. 8 and the other on Dec. 28.

A Bangor man has invented a steel tape case with a partly square case, which will greatly simplify the taking of measurements in which corners and other difficult places figure.

Pepperell park at Saco has a mahogany tree, which is probably the only one in Maine. It was planted many years ago and it is said that few people, even residents of that city know that their park has such a rarity.

The Bar Harbor Hospital has recently had several much appreciated gifts. Mrs. L. N. Kettle of Weston, Mass., gave \$600 as a nucleus for a fund with which to purchase a motor ambulance. Miss Edith G. Bowdoin of New York gave a sum for the erection of a new male ward, work on which will soon begin. Miss Eleanor de Graff Cuyler of Philadelphia has given a free bed, in memory of her aunt, the late Mrs. Morris K. Jessup. The Maine Sea Coast Mission will be permitted to name the patient for this bed.

Capt. E. E. Hahn of the U. S. Fish Hatcheries in Boothbay started Saturday morning for a trip across the continent with a carload of 6000 lobsters which will be liberated at Anacortes, 90 miles north of Seattle. The lobsters were gathered for the Boothbay Hatcheries by the Higgins Lobster Co. of Boothbay Harbor and Trefor-Lyon Co. of Portland in their fishing smacks, and transported to this city in a lighter and here placed aboard a special American Express Co. car. This is Capt. Hahn's fifth trip across the country with lobster shipments.

The four greatest manufacturing states in the United States are: New York comes first, then Pennsylvania, then Illinois, with Massachusetts fourth. Pennsylvania is a very close second to New York. These four states produce nearly one-half the manufactures of the United States.

From the first of the year up to the present time 24,512 operators' licenses have been granted and 29,047 automobiles, 310 automobile dealers, 1,901 trucks, 1,284 motor cycles and 32 motor cycle dealers have been registered at the office of the secretary of state. For the whole of last year 26,658 operators' licenses were granted and 21,374 automobiles, 324 automobile dealers, 1,093 trucks, 95 motor cycles and 35 motor cycle dealers were registered. The state of Maine has received from the registration of automobiles from the first of the year to date the sum of \$306,074.00 while the sum of \$271,087.00 was collected from this source for the whole of last year.

Up to Nov. 10 there have been 49 fatal accidents reported to the Industrial Accident commission since the workmen's compensation act went into effect on Jan. 1 of the present year out of a total of 10,542 accidents reported to the commission. Since Nov. 1, 612 accidents have been reported. At present there are 3522 policies in force, the total number of employees covered by these Industrial policies being 169,778, of which 99,330 are male and 40,330 female. The claim department of the Industrial Accident commission has received 2340 claims and agreements since Jan. 1, 1916, and 108 claims and agreements received since Nov. 1, 1916. Since Jan. 1 of the present year 1850 agreements have been approved, 113 of these being approved since Nov. 1.

Wind is blowing; so will a dog on an upright staff.

Animals are said to show by their actions what the weather will be, and there is reason in this. Some of them certainly have a knowledge of coming storms. We are told that spiders are especially sensitive to weather. If they spin webs the weather will be fair; if they continue spinning during a shower it will soon clear off.

PROTECTION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNIFORM.

The National Defense Act of June 3, 1916, Section 125, Protection of the Uniform.

1. "It shall be unlawful for any person not an officer or enlisted man of the United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps, to wear the duly prescribed uniform of the United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps, or any distinctive part of such uniform, or a uniform any part of which is similar to a distinctive part of a duly prescribed uniform of the United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps; Provided, that the foregoing provisions shall not be construed so as to prevent officers of enlisted men of the National Guard from wearing, in pursuance of law and regulations, the uniform lawfully prescribed to be worn by such officer or enlisted man of the National Guard; nor the boy scouts of America or the Naval Militia; nor to prevent persons who in time of war have served honorably as officers of the United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps, regular or volunteer, from wearing, upon occasions of ceremony, and nor to prevent the instructors and members of the duly organized cadet corps of a State university, college or public school from wearing the uniform duly prescribed."

Any person who offends against the provisions of this Section, shall, on conviction, be punished by a fine not exceeding \$300, or by imprisonment not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

2. The wearing of all or part of the uniform by members of the National Guard "in pursuance of law and regulations" means that the uniform or any part of it may be worn only in actual performance of a military duty. Sections 113 and 115, Military Law of the State of Maine, provides as follows:

Section 113. No body of men, other than the active militia and the troops of the United States, shall associate themselves together as a military company or organization, or parade in public with firearms in any city or town of this State; nor shall any city or town raise or appropriate any money toward arming, equipping, uniforming or in any other way supporting, sustaining or providing drill rooms or armories for any such body of men; but associations wholly composed of soldiers and sailors honorably discharged from the service of the United States and the order known as the Sons of Veterans may parade at any time, in public with firearms, having first obtained the written permission of the city or municipal officers of the town or city in which they reside to parade, and students in educational institutions where military science is taught as a prescribed part of the course of instruction, may, with the consent of the governor, drill and parade with firearms in public under the superintendence of their military instructors. Any person violating any provision of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by a fine not exceeding ten dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 115. Every person, other than an officer or enlisted man of the active militia of this State, or any other State, or of the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or revenue or forest service, or a member of any service of the United States for whom such uniform has been prescribed by proper authority, or inmate of any veterans' or soldiers' home, or a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, or of the Sons of Veterans, who at any time wears the uniform of the United States Army or Navy or active militia of this State, or any part of such uniform, or a uniform or a part of a uniform similar thereto, within the limits of this State, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall upon conviction be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding thirty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment; provided, that nothing in this act shall be construed as prohibiting persons of the theatrical profession from wearing such uniform in any playhouse or theatre while actually engaged in following said profession, and provided that nothing in this act shall be construed as prohibiting the uniform rank of elite societies parading or traveling in a body or assembling in a lodge room; and provided further, that when over the active militia or any part thereof is in active service, or is called into active service, no elite organization or member thereof shall parade or appear in uniform in the locality where said active militia is in service.

GEORGE M. PRESSON.

The Adjutant General.

STATE OF MAINE

The Adjutant General's Office

Augusta, November 11, 1916.

The following is published for the information of all concerned:

The next examination of candidates for provisional appointment as second lieutenants in the line of the Army will begin on January 29, 1917. Applicants for authority to undergo this examina-

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STATE OF MAINE.

November 15th, 1916.

Taken this fifteenth day of November,

1916, on execution dated October

31st, 1916, issued on a judgment rendered

by the Supreme Judicial Court for the County of Oxford, at a term

thereof begun and holden on the second

Tuesday of October, 1916, at Paris in said County, to-wit, on the eight-

teenth day of October, 1916, in favor of

of Fred C. Bartlett, of Newry, in said County of Oxford, and against Charles

D. Bean, of said Newry, for the sum of two hundred thirty-three dollars and fifty-eight cents (\$233.58), debt or

damages, and twelve dollars and thirteen cents (\$12.13) costs of said suit,

together with fifteen cents more for one writ of execution, and will be sold

by public auction, on Wednesday, the twenty-seventh day of December, 1916,

at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the office of Herrick & Park, in Bethel, in said County, all the right, title and interest which the said Bean has and had on the twenty-seventh day of April, 1916, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, when the same was attached on the original writ in the same action or suit, to-wit certain real estate situated in said Newry, and being the

homestead farm of said Charles D. Bean as now occupied by him including all outlying and adjoining lands used as a part of or in connection with said farm or owned by said Bean, and bounded northerly or northwesterly by land of Charles A. Baker or of his wife, Ada Baker, being the Sargent place, so-called, easterly by land of James J. Spinney and by land now or formerly of Ansel Dudley, southerly by land of said Spinney; westerly by land of G. B. Foster. Said parcel being same named in deed of Fred F. Bean, recorded in Oxford County Registry of Deeds, Book 348, page 498, one-half of said parcel being by said deed conveyed to said Charles D. Bean.

HARRY D. HASTINGS,

Deputy Sheriff for said County of Oxford.

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RUMFORD

About the eleventh of next the Rumford Falls Trust Company sent out to members of its Club, eight hundred and fifty-six mas-Club Checks, aggregating twenty-seven thousand dollars.

Osgood Eaton Relief Corps is sent to the town a large flag will be floated from the top of the new municipal building. The flag also furnish a flag to be floated from the top of the Public Library.

Miss Edna Lord is on a month's visit with friends in Lewiston and Portland.

It is said that the deputy and other liquor officers are Rumford so dry that some of the quarters of the saloons are "lean as a 'How Dry I Am'."

A "shingle social" was held Universalist parlors on Tuesday evening. Music and readings made very interesting program.

In the prize contest for the popular baby boys, Edward, letter carrier and Mrs. Nathan, was the winner of five dollars, with a total vote of 34,666.

Joseph Simpson's crew is conducting the foundation for the addition of the Foster estate toothpick mill is to be operated by John S. as a clothespin factory.

The selectmen are now locating their new office in the municipal building.

A son has been born to the w George Phillips of Urquhart street has been named Kenneth-Murdock. Mr. and Mrs. Frank F. Putnam celebrate the 50th anniversary of wedding at their home at Southford on November 28th.

One of the large plate-glass windows of the C. H. McKenzie store was broken into it. The damage is \$400.

The Ladies' Aid of Virginia hold their fair and supper, Nov. 24, at the chapel. All sorts of novelties will be on sale and those in charge the tables are: Miss Abbott, Mr. Lutton, Linens and embroideries; West, Mrs. Longfellow, aprons and ties; Mrs. Charles Blanchard, dresses; Mrs. Ella Brown, parcels; Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Hemm

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NORTH HARTFORD.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Fales of Hartford and Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Farrar of Canton visited Mr. and Mrs. James Hillings, Sunday.

William Davenport was an over Sunday guest of friends in Canton.

John Gerrish's apple pickers have finished up picking several lots of apples and returned home to Bethel.

Charles Clark of Newton, who has visited at Mrs. Julia Thorne's and J. Davenport's for a few days past, returned to his home, Saturday.

Albert Davenport has returned from Watkinson, where he has worked for a few months past.

Mrs. Julia Thorne and daughter, Elsie Davenport, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lavinia Reed, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank O'Hara are in poor health this winter.

Thomas Pease of Hartford was at J. Davenport's Sunday.

Hazel Gammes has gone to Auburn to work in a shoe shop this winter.

POEMS WORTH READING

ARE THE CHILDREN AT HOME?

By Margaret Sangster.

Each day, when the glow of sunset
Fades in the western sky,
And the wee ones, tired of playing,
Go tripping lightly by,
I stand away from my husband,
Asleep in his easy chair,
And watch from the open doorway
Their faces fresh and fair.

Alone in the dear old homestead
That once was full of life,
Lingering with girlish laughter,
Echoing boyish strife,
We two are waiting together;
And oft' as the shadows come,
With tremulous voice he calls me,
"It is night! are the children home?"

"Yes love," I answer him gently,
"They're all home long ago!"
And I sing, in my quivering treble,
A song so soft and low,
Till the old man drops to slumber,
With his head upon his hand,
And I tell to myself the number
At home in the better land.

At home, where never a sorrow
Shall dim their eyes with tears!
Where the smile of God is on them
Through all the summer years!
I know, yet my arms are empty,
That fondly folded seven,
And the mother-heart within me
Is almost starved for heaven.

Sometimes, in the dusk of evening,
I only shut my eyes,
And the children are all about me,
A vision from the skies;
The babes whose dimpled fingers
Lost the way to my breast,
And the beautiful ones, the angels,
Passed to the world of the best.

With never a cloud upon them,
I see their radiant brows;
My boys that I gave to freedom,
The red sword sealed their brows!
In a tangled Southern forest,
Twin brothers bold and brave,
They fell, and the flag they died for,
Thank God! floats over their grave.

A breath, and the vision is lifted
Away on wings of light,
And again we two are together,
"All alone in the night."
They tell me his mind is falling,
But I smile at his fears;
He is only back with the children,
In the dear and peaceful years.

And still, as the summer sunset
Fades away in the west,
And the wee ones, tired of playing,
Go tripping home to rest,
My husband calls from his corner,
"My boys, have the children come?"
And I answer, with eyes uplifted,
"Yes, dear! they are all at home."

AT SIXTY-TWO.

Printed anonymously in "The Christian Intelligencer."

Just sixty-two? Then trim thy light,
And get thy jewels all reset;
Thy past meridian, but still bright,
And lacks some hours of sunset yet.

At sixty-two
Be strong and true,
Scout out thy rust and shine anew.

'Tis yet high day, thy staff resume,
And fight fresh battles for the truth;
For what is age but life's full bloom,
A ripper, more transcendent youth?

A wedge of gold
Is never old;
Streams broader, grow as downward roll.

At sixty-two life is begun;
At seventy-three begins once more;
Fly swiftly as you near the sun,
And brighter shines at eighty-four;

At ninety-five,
Should you arrive,
Still wait on God, and work and thrive.

Keep thy looks wet with morning dew.

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No gain in a child's health and strength is possible until all worms are removed. Signs of worms are: Deranged stomach, swelling upper lip, sour stomach, offensive breath, hard and full belly with occasional gripings and pains about the navel, pale face of leaden tint, eyes heavy and dull, twitching eyelids, itching of the nose, itching of the rectum, about the cough, grinding of the teeth, little red points sticking out on tongue, starting during sleep, slow fever. If you see any of these symptoms in your child don't lose another minute, but get a bottle of Dr. Tru's Worms, the Family Laxative and Worm Expeller.

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And freely let them grace slow;
For life well spent is ever new,
And years unclouded younger grow.
So work away,
Be young for aye,
From sunset, breaking unto day.

THE VISITOR.

By E. A. Guest in the Detroit Free Press.

A blend of good and bad, and of laughter and of tears
And I reckon when it's over, when I've lived my string of years
And have been the best I shall be and have known all I shall know
And my visit here is ended and it's come my time to go
I shall turn, as friends departing, to this kindly world and say
I am grateful for the gladness that was strewn along my way.

A blend of loss and gain, and of bitter and of sweet,
But I reckon at the finish, when I've met all I shall meet
And for me no day is dawning that shall bring another friend,
Or victory or failure, when my visit's at an end
I shall turn as one departing from a kind and gentle host
And thank the world for gladness that in life was uppermost.

I wonder every morning what new joy will come my way,
What new friend I shall discover with the passing of the day
And what glad surprise is waiting, for it really seems to me
That each day is always different than I thought 'twas going to be,
And when my stay is over, when my share of time I've had
I shall thank the world for doing all it could to keep me glad.

I have wept and I have whistled,
I have suffered days of pain,
But have lived to wake to smiling and to view the sun again
I've encountered selfish people, and some brutal men I've seen
But the most of them I've lived with have been big and kind and clean
And the care will be forgotten and the wrong will disappear
And I'll thank the world, at parting, for the joys it gave me here.

SONGO POND.

Mrs. Little Harriman is in Lewiston with her sister, Mrs. Ed Allen, who has been sick.

Mr. A. E. Morris was in Lewiston a few days last week.

Mr. Roy Cole, who has been stopping at P. H. Bennett's for a while, returned to his home in South Paris, Monday.

Mrs. Cole is going to visit with her brother, P. H. Bennett, for a while longer.

Carlton Penley was in South Paris on business last week.

Ed. McPhee and Tom Logan are going to work for Haggood brothers across Songo Pond this winter. They have built a camp and are going to move their families in this week.

Mr. Geo. Penley, who was stopping at Rosemary's for a few days, returned to his home in South Paris last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kimball of No. Waterford called on his mother, Mrs. Bryce Kimball, Sunday.

Mr. Walker, who has been nursing Ben Tuman, returned to his home in No. Paris, Friday, leaving Mr. Tuman very much improved in health.

Charles Kimball and Millard Clough went to Ketchikan, Monday, on a hunting trip.

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NORTH WATERFORD.

Three of Waterford's aged ladies have passed away recently. Mrs. Alphonso Charles' mother died at her home with her son, Addison Millett, in Waterford, only a few weeks after her return from her daughter's, Mrs. Charles, where she had spent the summer. Burial was in the Bethel cemetery where her husband, Levi Millett, was buried.

Mrs. Eliza, widow of Osgood Kneeland, passed away in Norway where she and her daughter had lived for a few years. Mrs. Kneeland left the farm in Waterford after Mr. Kneeland's death and she and her daughter, Mabel, lived in the village for a while, previous to their going to Norway. Mrs. Kneeland had a shock several years ago and has been helpless for some time. She was buried in the South Waterford cemetery.

Harriett Chaplin, a life long resident of North Waterford, was obliged to leave the farm, owing to poor health and old age, and spent her last days in the family of Dr. Bennett in Bridgton. Only a short time ago she made a visit in the place, and news of her death came as a shock to those who supposed her in her usual health. She is the last one of her family and was laid in the family lot at North Waterford cemetery.

The schools close this week for a two weeks' vacation.

The deer hunters have been very plentiful and several deer have been shot since the snow storm.

Mrs. P. W. Saunders has gone to South Paris for the winter, as they could obtain no rent in Oxford, where Mr. Saunders is clerking.

Mrs. Arthur Andrews and children were at Sumner Grover's, Wednesday.

Mr. Andrews plans to move to South Paris to work there during the winter and expects to return to their farm at Hunt's Corner in the spring.

J. W. Dresser has hired Will Bird to assist him in the blacksmith shop for a few weeks.

John and Sumner Grover have taken jobs to haul lumber for Fred Littlefield and plan to move to Albany where there is enough snow for sledding.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE MAINE DAIRYMAN.

In view of the fact that the cities are the markets to which agricultural interests necessarily have to look for the sale of their products, it seems advisable that the farmers should, essentially for the benefit of their own business, comply as far as possible with the wants of city consumers and restrictions of the city health officials.

At the present time there is a great clamor for "cleaner" milk all over the Nation. As our cities are agitating the sanitary milk problem, and are attempting to bring about a rigid, burdensome inspection, at the expense of the dairyman, would it not be well to forestall such action by producing sanitary milk before this action be taken. This can be accomplished at a very low cost.

I mean, by saying that inspection will be at the dairyman's expense, just this: Inspection authorized by law would compel the dairyman to make a number of unnecessary improvements at considerable expense. I do not mean to fight against laws that would authorize proper inspection.

Proper inspection, by properly qualified inspectors, carried on along educational lines rather than by prosecution, can teach the dairyman how to produce a more sanitary product at a very slight increased cost.

The essentials in sanitary milk production are:

Clean and healthy cows.

Clean stables.

Clean and healthy employees.

Clean utensils.

Clean surroundings of milk after being drawn.

Keeping milk at low temperature.

It is evident that cows should be clean. They should be free from all dirt on their flanks and quarters and should be well groomed to rid them of all loose hair.

The United States Department of Agriculture has given the following definition of milk:

Whole milk is the lacteal secretion obtained by the complete milking of one or more healthy cows, properly fed and kept, excluding that obtained within fifteen days before and five days after parturition.

It is evident, then, from this definition alone, that the cows should be free from disease and free from dirt.

Stables can easily be kept clean if the ceiling, walls and floors are tight and smooth. Hay or other dry fodder should not be fed just previous to milking.

Milkers should wear clean clothing used for no other farm operation.

The milker should wash his hands thoroughly and dry them before milking, and he should milk with dry hands, always.

All utensils, of course, should be kept clean. They should be thoroughly scalded or steamed just previous to use.

The stainers, especially, should be kept clean. Often new pails or cans have cracks in the joints or have square corners where dirt and, consequently, with

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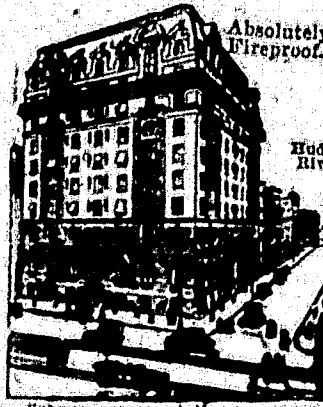
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may become lodged. Such places can be flushed with solder to do away with this. Properly constructed narrow top pails are of great advantage. They reduce the amount of hair and dust that can fall into the milk.

Milk, having been produced carefully, and which is clean, must be kept where it is clean and hence must be immediately removed from the stable to the milk house. Milk easily takes up foreign odors that may be about the stable, such as turnips, ensilage, etc.

The only possible way to put clean milk on the market is to produce it cleanly. When bacteria once get into the milk it is impossible to get them out. It is the multiplication of bacteria and their toxin production that control the souring or rotting of milk. The stable atmosphere contains, perhaps, millions of bacteria to the cubic centimeter, and when the milk is left in the barn in an open receptacle for any length of time it becomes contaminated to a very great degree.

When milk is produced in as clean a manner as possible it contains a certain kind of bacteria. Even if milk could be drawn from the cow into a sterile receptacle without being contaminated, it would contain bacteria. These bacteria are always present in milk—even before it is produced. They are lactic acid bacteria, and they are the agents that cause the natural souring of milk.

It is important to exclude bacteria foreign to milk because, if they multiply rapidly and overpower the natural bacteria of milk, they cause the rancid

of milk instead of the natural souring. This natural souring is, of course, very important to the manufacturer of butter.

Milk, as soon as it is drawn from the cow, becomes dead matter and at once begins to deteriorate. This deterioration is caused by the natural action of lactic acid bacteria. The control of this deterioration, or the action of other bacteria, is through low temperature, naturally, and through pasteurization which is rather an unnatural method.

Warm milk is a perfect media for bacteria to grow in, consequently it is important to cool milk to a low temperature while the bacterial content is yet low. The cooling should be accomplished immediately after the milk is strained, by running it over a cooler filled with ice or else by setting the cans in ice water. Milk should be cooled to at least 50 degrees F., and 40 degrees F. is better, if possible.

What has been said preceding, in regard to the sanitary production of milk, can be accomplished by every dairy farmer at very little expense.

The point of production is the place to begin inspection, but when reasonable sanitary conditions of both equipment and methods are evidenced at the producing point, the burden of inspection then rests upon the dealer.

C. W. Wentcott, State Dairy Inspector.

HOW TO DRESS POULTRY

By G. E. Conkey.

The approach of Thanksgiving means an unbroken interest in market poultry affairs and there many who plan each year to take advantage of the high prices which prevail at this time and dispose of a considerable portion of their flocks. The fact that the prices are also more attractive at this season, is also the logical time to turn off surplus stock, for most young birds now reaching maturity and if put in good condition, receipts from their sale will represent more clear money if they are carried along now than growth has practically ceased.

MARKET CUSTOMS.

However, to get the top prices realize the maximum amount of money per bird on your dressed poultry, this, or in fact any time, it is necessary that you understand what market demands, and have your stock of the desired quality, for quality always governs the price. It is only a question of having the bird in good condition carrying all the desirable weight possible, but the care must be handled in a way that insure its having the desirable appearance when it reaches the consumer.

You must know just how these things are to be done, for the method of tending, dressing, and later handling of carcasses, will count for a great deal. Prices are sure to suffer if you do not follow market customs or if you are careless in your work. Thin birds are easily dressed but frequently bring much or more than well fattened birds. Careless handling, for appearance always the first thing that catches the consumer's eye. Dressing is an important factor when marketing poultry and it is of this we will largely in this article.

DRESSING TURKEYS AND CHICKENS.

Assuming that you have a plump carcass, either chicken or turkey, for the knife, no fool or water has been given for at least eighteen hours you are then ready to proceed with killing and dressing.

To a hen attach a stout cord, or a noose at the loose end. Be sure the bird is in such a position that in striking it will not be able to strike its head against any obstacle. Hold the bird together, thrust them through the loop and see that they are held evenly and that the head of the bird is about opposite your waist line or a little below. Now take hold of the wings and lock them. This can be done by bringing one over the other, catching the tip of the upper wing under that of the other

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HOW TO DRESS POULTRY.

By G. E. Conkey.

The approach of Thanksgiving always means an enlivened interest in market poultry affairs and there are many who plan each year to take advantage of the high prices which usually prevail at this time and dispose of a considerable portion of their flock. Aside from the fact that the prices are usually more attractive at this season, this is also the logical time to turn off any surplus stock, for most young birds are now reaching maturity and if put in fit condition, receipts from their sale will represent more clear money than if they are carried along now that their growth has practically ceased.

MARKET CUSTOMS.

However, to get the top prices and realize the maximum amount of profit per bird on your dressed poultry at this, or in fact any time, it is quite necessary that you understand what the market demands, and have your product of the desired quality, for quality always governs the price. It is not only a question of having the birds in good condition carrying all the desirable weight possible, but the carcasses must so be handled in a way that will insure its having the desirable attractive appearance when it reaches the consumer.

You must know just how these things are to be done, for the method of killing, dressing, and later handling of the carcass, will count for a great deal and prices are sure to suffer if you do not follow market customs or if you are careless in your work. Thin birds carefully dressed will frequently bring as much or more than well fattened birds carelessly handled, for appearance is always the first thing that catches the consumer's eye. Dressing is a very important factor when marketing poultry and it is of this we will deal largely in this article.

DRESSING TURKEYS AND CHICKENS.

Assuming that you have a plump carcass, either chicken or turkey, ready for the knife, no fool or water having been given for at least eighteen hours, you are then ready to proceed with the killing and dressing.

To a beam attach a stout cord, with a noose at the loose end. Be sure the bird is in such a position that in struggling it will not be able to strike itself against any obstacle. Hold the bird's feet together, thrust them through the loop and see that they are held securely and that the head of the bird is about opposite your waist line or a little below. Now take hold of the wings and lock them. This can be done by bringing one over the other and catching the tip of the upper wing under that of the other. This will make it impossible for the bird to struggle and will allow the dresser free use of both hands.

Then, in the left hand, grasp the head firmly and force the bill open by the use of the thumb and middle finger. After you have a secure hold, thrust the knife and draw the throat just behind the head and draw the point across the neck or back-bone.

This will sever the jugular vein and insure a good "stick." Now withdraw the knife and allow the bird to bleed for a few moments; then place the point of the knife against the roof of the palate of the bird and draw the point of the month with the cutting edge to-

ward the left hand and force it through the membrane into the brain cavity; then turn it three quarters of the way round, twisting the wrist in the natural way, and draw the blade directly across the base of the brain, thus severing the spinal cord and thereby destroying the control which, in life, the bird has over its feelings. It also destroys all sense of feeling.

With a few trials this method will become quite easy and you will find the feathers ready to almost drop off.

As soon as the brain has been pierced, the dresser should turn the knife into the skin of the lower bill and make a hole through which a hook suspending a weight of some kind should be hung (a horseshoe is excellent). This keeps the neck extended and assures a thorough bleeding, which is all important.

After this operation, quickly rub the hand down the neck, removing the feathers therefrom; then pull the tail and wing feathers by a quick, firm twist; and begin to remove those from the tenderest parts of the body, which on the chicken are the breast and back near the base of the tail, and on the turkey, the breast and thigh.

Never use the finger nails to pick promiscuously—the aids of the forefinger and end of the thumb are far quicker and will not scratch. When pulling the short, or pin feathers, the nails will have to come into play, but great care should be used that only a careful, clean pluck is made—not a scratch or scrape.

By the time the body is finished, the bird will be so nearly dead that flapping will be almost impossible, so the wings can be unlocked and picked clean. It is not necessary to remove the point feathers. Nearly every housewife values the turkey's for brushes and does not mind paying for the slight additional weight, while the chicken's may be cut off at the outer joint and not affect the sale of the bird in the least, thus saving considerable time and disagreeable work.

A careful study of this description will prove invaluable. Professional dressers follow these rules and it pays to know the shortest and easiest way.

The next article will be on "Cooling, Packing and Shipping Market Poultry."

WEST PERU.

Deferred.

Cecil Putnam has purchased the store of Putnam and Wilson at West Peru and was out with his grocery team, Monday and Tuesday.

Grace Sargent and son, Wilmont, of Rumford are visiting relatives in Dickvale.

Gerald Tracy and wife were guests of his parents over Sunday, returning to their work in Rumford, Monday.

Ernest Sessions of Woodstock was out deer hunting on Mt. Ziebron one day last week and lost himself, when he got out in the opening he found that he was in the town of Peru.

Rosecoe Tracy and daughter attended the Akeley auction in Woodstock last Thursday.

Herbert Richardson of Garham, N. H., was calling on relatives and friends here last week.

About eighteen inches of snow fell here Nov. 13.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE.

TEMPERING TOOLS.

Method of Hardening a Hack-saw Blade For Use on Steel.

Ordinary hack-saw blades are not intended for very hard steel, and if it is desired to cut such steel the blade should be hardened, writes a correspondent of Popular Mechanics. In hardening these blades they would warp out of shape when brought to a cherry red, but by experimenting I find if a blade is bound flat on an old file and both heated together the blade will be kept flat, and the file will retain the heat while preparing to dip it.

The temper of the blade end should be drawn to prevent breaking. For extremely hard temper heat to a cherry red, and give the blade a mercury bath, but do not inhale the fumes, as they are poisonous. Saws or drills hardened in mercury will readily cut glass if moistened in turpentine. In using a hard blade do not press too hard, and run it slowly.

All steel instruments when heated to a red heat lose a portion of their carbon, which loss means a softening of the surface on the instrument. This loss is especially noticed in fine instruments, the more delicate ones being utterly ruined. To protect them from this loss they should be covered with a layer of polish or other medium. This may be accomplished by heating slightly and rubbing them with soap.

FANS FOR COMFORT.

Increasing Use of Electrically Operated Household Appliances.

What the electrical people call the "fan season" is now in full swing, and are correspondingly busy.

One unacquainted with this particular class of apparatus would hardly recognize in the compact, ornamental and silent running types of today any relation to the awkward and noisy product of a few years ago, while efficiency and convenience have increased in practically inverse ratio to the price. Special wiring or fixtures are no longer necessary, as fans suitable for



IRON HEATED BY ELECTRICITY, WHICH ALSO OPERATES FAN.

ordinary household use take so little current that they may safely be "plugged in" to any standard lamp socket.

In this way the necessity for having one or more fans for each room is obviated as they may be used to operate double or triple service with little inconvenience.

Too much emphasis cannot be laid on the use of fans not merely for comfort, but to safeguard the health and well being of the entire family. For children and invalids especially the refreshing breeze from an electric fan in sleeping or living room is a definite and well recognized factor in restoring or maintaining normal conditions during heated terms which would ordinarily tend to lower vitality.

To Preserve Porch Columns.

Hollow porch columns may be prevented from rotting at the bottom if two or three holes about three-quarters of an inch in diameter are bored through the porch floor and the base of the columns, says Popular Mechanics. This will allow the air to enter the inside of the columns. In building the columns paint the inside with white lead and oil mixed thinly. The painting will prevent them from cracking open at the stove joints, as is often the case. If the columns are finished the painting can be done with a swab made of a piece of rag tied to the end of a stick long enough to reach halfway through them.

To Drain Crank Cases.

An ordinary bicycle pump with the plunger valve reversed on the rod makes an excellent suction pump for draining automobile engine crank cases. The closed upper end of the pump cylinder is cut off so that the oil may be poured out quickly. After the first charge the plunger is pushed down as far as it will go, displacing the oil into the upper part. This action is repeated until the pump is half full each time, and it takes only a short time to drain any case.

Substitute For Rivets in Couches.

The rivets in a couch come loose and work out quite often, leaving it loose and wobbly. To make rivets fit properly by hammering them into place is almost impossible, and to repair the couch with stove bolts makes an unsightly job. A very good repair and one that will make a couch rigid and strong again is by the use of ordinary brass binding posts from old dry battery cells instead of rivets. These can be easily placed without tools.

Great Sulphur Production.

The amount of sulphur produced in the United States in 1913, according to the U. S. geological survey, was \$11,500 long tons, valued at \$4,470,540, the greatest output in the history of the industry.

OUR BATTLESHIP MASTS.

Perilous Perches For Range Finders Strapped to Their Tops.

A smudge of smoke on the horizon, then two skeleton towers of steel lattice-work just above the sky line.

A battleship! A United States battleship! Why? Because United States battleships are the only ones that have masts of latticed steel tubing—towers that look as if they were meant to train crimson ramblers roses and a hundred or more feet high.

Lighting tops are obsolete in the United States navy. The men who occupy the nests at the top of the masts nowadays are unharmed. Their sole usefulness to the ship consists in indicating the range for the gunners down below.

The towers are made of the latticed steel so they will remain upright, although riddled with shots from an enemy's ship. Shells may pass through the network of tubing until every strand is severed and still the tower will stand.

The old style steel masts with a single support could be cut in two and sent crashing to the deck with a single shot from the enemy's gun. The new masts are used as wireless towers and for searchlights and signal platforms as well as for range finding.

The range finders, usually three men, pass chains belts around themselves in action. Otherwise they might be thrown far abroad by some sudden lurch. The top of the "wastebasket" mast is like the lower end of a clock pendulum when it comes to swaying. The ship leans over just a foot or two maybe, the mast six or a dozen feet.

When the guns are firing below the concussion sets the steel tubes vibrating like a suspension bridge with a crowd crossing. Sometimes the vibration is so strong that the range finders can't work. Then the guns are stilled for a minute.—Kansas City Star.

ELBA AND ST. HELENA.

Napoleon's Comic Opera Empire and His Grim Island Prison.

An "empire" eighteen miles in length and twelve miles in extreme width, such is the Mediterranean Isle of Elba, to which Napoleon was consigned by the victorious allies and where he received the homage of his new subjects. Elba, long a place of pilgrimage for tourists from all nations, lives chiefly in the memories of that ten months of comic opera, when the man who had not mastered Europe opened his vanguard to a child with a sword, the new toy, issued foolish decrees which began, "Napoleon, emperor, sovereign of Elba, to his people."

Utterly devoid of a sense of humor the emperor must have been to take his new position so seriously. It was a huge joke that the powers played upon the Corsican by permitting him to retain the title of emperor and awarding him a "kingdom" that placed him on the same footing with the Sultan of Sulu and the king of the Cameroons.

If Napoleon had remained there he would doubtless have become what his enemies intended he should become—an object of derision, the butt of the world's sneers and jeers. But he did not stay, and the glory of the "hundred days," the brave campaign of Waterloo, the culminating tragedy of St. Helena, restored Napoleon to a place among the world's heroes.

St. Helena was grim and terrible. There humanity pictures Napoleon "with his hands crossed behind him, gazing out upon the sad and solemn sea—a caged lion, feared by all the world. Elba was trifling, pitiful, petty, insignificant, and there Napoleon was a caged monkey to be laughed at.—New York World.

A Caustic Critic.

The Paris critic Martin once only had taken his chocolate in a place other than the Cafe For, and he then found it not good. This happened at the Regence, and the young woman in the desk, to whom he expressed his displeasure, said: "You are the only one to complain. All of the gentlemen of the court who come here find it good."

"They also say, perhaps, that you are pretty," he replied slowly.

How to Win Beauty.

Fall of good common sense is the suggestion in the Journal of the American Medical Association on how to be beautiful. "For giving the face a good color," the expert says, "get one pot of rouge and one rabbit's foot. Bury them two miles from home and walk out and back once a day to see if they are still there."

Careless Mistress.

"Mary, why didn't you sound the dinner-gong?"

"Please, 'm, I couldn't find it."

"Why, there it is lying on the hall table!"

"Please, 'm, you said this morning that was the breakfast gong."—London Sketch.

Compensation.

"I must have an iron bedstead," declared a tourist at an inn.

"Sir," answered Boniface, "I am sorry there ain't a single iron bedstead in the house. But you will find the mattresses very nice and 'ard, sir!"—London Tit-Bits.

Real Trouble.

Knicker—What is the matter with Jones' Jockey?—He has made so many excuses for being out late that now he has to make excuses for being home early.—Woman's Home Companion.

It is sometimes expedient to forget what you know.—Syrus.

WINTER HANDLING

OF MANURE.

In the experiment in sheep husbandry, begun in 1914, an apparently large waste of the plant food contained in the feeds was observed. The manure was kept under the sheep during the winter, as is ordinarily practiced everywhere. As the value of the manure is of great importance in the margin between profit and loss, an experiment was planned and conducted during the winter of 1915-16, so that the manure would be stored under what seemed to be the best conditions practicable. The plan was to keep account of all food eaten, store the manure in a water-tight manure platform, keep it worked by syringe so as to prevent fire-fanging. It was arranged so that if the surface dried, liquid from the lower part of the platform could be pumped over the top, or it could, if necessary, be wet with water from the hose. As there are two cows and three horses kept during the winter at the farm, the manure platform was built in two sections so that an experiment with this mixed manure could be carried on at the same time as that from the sheep.

The feed and bedding used by the about 100 sheep consisted of 52,578 pounds of mixed hay, 7075 pounds of oat straw, 6000 pounds of alfalfa, 34,150 pounds of rutabaga turnips, 4700 pounds of bran, 600 pounds of middlings, 1500 pounds of cornmeal, 2100 pounds of oats, 475 pounds of linseed meal, and 200 pounds of gluten meal.

The cows and the horses used 24,650 pounds of mixed hay, 3250 pounds of straw, 1000 pounds of bran, 1300 pounds of cornmeal and cracked corn, 4025 pounds of oats, 300 pounds of gluten meal, 300 pounds of linseed meal and 100 pounds of middlings.

A bunch of swine were kept on the manure so that they could go from one part of the manure platform to the other. They were fed 10,850 pounds of rutabagas, 1700 pounds of corn, 1900 pounds of middlings and 500 pounds of bran. As the droppings from the swine were, for the most part, made on the sheep manure part of the platform, the plant food in their feed was added to that of the sheep.

The feeding stuffs were not sampled and analyzed, but their plant food content was computed from average analyses of similar materials. The manure was weighed when it was drawn to the fields and each load was sampled. The final composite sample of each kind of manure was analyzed.

The feed (including that of the swine) and the bedding for the sheep carried approximately 1177 pounds of nitrogen, 534 pounds of phosphoric acid and 1485 pounds of potash. The sheep manure weighed 125,705 pounds and carried 931 pounds of nitrogen, 490 pounds of phosphoric acid and 1307 pounds of potash.

The feed and bedding for the horses and cows carried 520 pounds of nitrogen, 207 pounds of phosphoric acid and 570 pounds of potash. The mixed manure weighed 76,870 pounds and carried 351 pounds of nitrogen, 140 pounds of phosphoric acid and 334 pounds of potash.

Seventy-nine percent of the nitrogen, 87 per cent of the phosphoric acid and 87 per cent of the potash in the feeding stuffs used were found in the sheep manure and 61 per cent of the nitrogen, 56 per cent of the phosphoric acid and 67 per cent of the potash in the food and bedding given the cows and horses was found in the mixed manure. In the case of the sheep, the amount of plant food recovered in the manure agrees very well indeed with the experiments that have been made where the excreta have been collected, weighed and analyzed immediately. In the case of the mixed manure, the trough behind the cows was not water tight and there were not sufficient absorbents used to take up all the liquid excreta. Also the horses were used more or less upon the road and their droppings when they were out of the barn were lost.

On the whole, the manure platform which was described in one of these letters has worked satisfactorily. It was not expensive to construct, the swine used to work the manure showed a profit after all food and labor was charged to them, and apparently the manure was kept with a very small loss of plant food. In Maine, for the six months of the year when it is not practicable to draw the manure and apply it to the land as fast as it is made, this method affords a satisfactory and economical way of conserving the plant food in the feeds used. In another letter a year or so ago, it was pointed out that the plant food in the manure annually avoided by farm animals and poultry in Maine has a potential value of about ten millions of dollars, and that it is doubtful if by present methods of cure even one-half of this plant food is actually returned to the soil. These trials with the manure platform and swine indicate that by a little care most of this plant food can be conserved, and that the profit on the swine will make good returns on the investment and the added plant food saved will all be clear profit. And this conserved plant food will in many cases be the difference between keeping live stock at a profit or keeping them at a loss.

